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## Greeks pay 'lip service' to charity



Kappa Delta contest puts 10 fraternities, one sorority in 'sync'; raises \$3,000 in funds

By Mindy Leigh Griser  
Staff Writer

Picture it: a bunch of fraternity guys dressed up as The Spice Girls.

For attendees of the lip-sync contest organized by Kappa Delta on Thursday, a colorful imagination wasn't necessary — the whole thing could be seen in person.

The contest was part of the annual Shamrock Project, an event that takes place every year nationwide to raise money for children's charities.

With 192 people in attendance, Thursday's fund-raiser raised \$3,000, according to Lynn Vierra, president of Kappa Delta. The Santa Clara Children's Shelter will receive 80 percent of that money and the remaining 20 percent will be donated to the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse.

Funds were generated from entry fees, admission tickets, T-shirt sales, raffle tickets and donations.

A total of 10 fraternities, along with Alpha Pi sorority,

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Members of the Kappa Sigma fraternity perform "YMCA" by the Village People at the first annual Shamrock Showcase lip-sync competition. The event was sponsored by the Kappa Delta sorority as a philanthropic fund-raiser held around St. Patrick's Day.

Proceeds go to the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse and the Santa Clara County Children's Shelter. From Left: Rigo Flores Tartida, Jeremy Jarrett and Joel Villalrel.

## Chancellor vows to ready students for 21st century

By Jeremiah Oshan  
Staff Writer

The new chancellor of the largest public university system in the United States has taken office and seems excited about the challenge.

Charles B. Reed, 56, became the new chancellor of the California State University system, which has 23 universities and more than 300,000 students, on March 1. He came from the State University System of Florida, which has 10 universities and more than 200,000 students. He has been the chief executive officer of the Florida Board of Regents since 1985.

"What attracted me to the CSU is its ability to provide a baccalaureate opportunity to the top third of California students," Reed said.

The search for a new chancellor began when Barry Munitz announced his resignation from the position in August.

"The CSU system is not in disrepair and is in better condition than when Munitz took over," said Doug Stone, who spoke on behalf of Delaine Eastin, state superintendent of schools. "She expects Reed to continue making CSU the most outstanding state university system in the country."

Before CSU can be seen as the best system in the country, it has to be the best in the state.

Reed sees two different, but equal roles for both state-run university systems.

"The University of California is more of a show horse," Reed said. "CSU is the workhorse."

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## Student alleges drink tampering

By Mindy Leigh Griser  
Staff Writer

Students may want to reconsider leaving their drinks unattended around San Jose State University.

According to University Police Department Sgt. John Hernandez, two reports of students feeling "weird" after drinking at fraternity parties have prompted the UPD to come up with plans to make students aware of the risks of Rohypnol, also known as "roofies" and the "date rape drug."

The most dangerous aspect of the drug is that a person often cannot remember anything after being under the influence of Rohypnol.

Hernandez did not release the names of the students or fraternities involved.

One report was confirmed as non-

drug related, while the other is still awaiting toxicology reports, according to Hernandez.

Special training programs are being planned to make students and dorm staff aware of these types of drugs, according to Susan Hansen, acting director of University Housing Services.

Specimens of such programs are not exactly known yet, according to Hansen.

Students should be aware that these dangers are out there.

"Know the people that you're hanging out with," Hansen said.

The UPD in collaboration with Housing Services, the Student Health Center and Greek Life are in the process of planning programs to help educate students about the problems of roofies.

Rohypnol has the nickname of the

"date rape drug" because it is odorless, colorless, tasteless and easily slipped into an unsuspecting person's alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages at parties or bars, according to the Metro Toronto Research Group on Drug Use.

The drug produces a sedative effect, amnesia, muscle relaxation and a slowing of psychomotor responses, according to the Emergency Response and Research Institute in Chicago. Roofies are often combined with alcohol, marijuana and other drugs to produce a very dramatic high.

Even when using the drug by itself, users can appear extremely intoxicated, with slurred speech, no coordination, swaying and blood-shot eyes.

All these symptoms can appear without any odor of alcohol.

## Political science chair wins top honor as professor of the year

By Nicholas Boer  
Staff Writer

The secret is out on how Dr. Terry Christensen beat out 795 other full-time faculty members to win the Outstanding Professor Award at San Jose State University for the 1997-98 school year.

He can see through walls.

Christensen, chair of the Political Science Department, may not have X-ray vision but he does have an ability to look beyond the confines of the classroom and find creative ways to teach his students, according to SJSU President Robert Caret.

Caret picked Christensen from a select group passed on to him by a committee composed of both students and faculty.

Christensen's involvement in the community and his development of both study abroad and political internship programs were cited by Caret as examples of the professor's ability to blur the artificial line between the classroom and the political world.

Christensen, dressed in black and gray, looked relaxed and youthful in spite of his 28 years on the SJSU faculty.

The walls of his office — located on the fourth floor of the Business Tower — are decorated with colorful political memorabilia.

Christensen talked about getting

students out of the typical classroom groupthink.

"Actively doing something is a different way to learn," Christensen said. "The students really love it."

San Jose City Council member David Pandori was in Christensen's class 20 years ago.

"I wouldn't be on the City Council today without Terry," Pandori said. Pandori recalls the mandatory City Council meetings and the encouragement he got from Christensen to do a political internship.

"He would force us to do more than read textbooks," Pandori said.

Kelly Kline is a former SJSU student who did an internship with the Labor Party during a trip with Christensen to England.

"Terry made it all happen," Kline said. "We were living in the laboratory. It's one thing to read about it and another to experience it."

Christensen is concerned how the lack of involvement in the community by junior faculty — because they cannot afford to live in the area — will negatively impact the quality

of education at SJSU.

He is also worried that the university's practice of hiring more part-time staff members is unfairly increasing the administrative burden on the remaining full-time faculty. (There are currently 739 part-time instructors, according to the public affairs office.)

"That's a huge pressure," Christensen said. "Their workload is getting heavier."

Other educational barriers include pressures on student lives and shortened attention spans, according to Christensen.

"Demands on student time are an obstacle for both faculty teaching and student learning," he said.

Christensen said there are still great opportunities for faculty and students to excel at SJSU — if they look for them.

"San Jose State can either be very difficult or great," Christensen said. "It's really up to you to figure out what you want and grab it. It's not a place that's going to hand it to you."

— David Pandori  
San Jose City Council member

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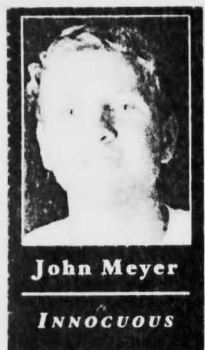


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Terry Christensen, chair of the Political Science Department, has been honored by being named SJSU's Outstanding Professor.



## U.S. workers want their dreams, not high-tech jobs



John Meyer  
INNOCUOUS

America is about spotlights, not computers. A true red-blooded American will never choose to work in front of a computer for a career. That's more of a last-resort career option to make a decent income when all else fails.

Americans go for dreams. We are led by our ability to free think. We want to be professional athletes, rock stars, rappers, the President of the United States, four-star generals, Hollywood actors, models and rich playboys.

These dreams keep young people motivated with a fresh, positive outlook on life. Sure, most dreams never come true, but they keep the people inspired when they are in the prime of their youth. And I'm not saying this because Nike is paying me; this is reality.

How many 12th graders say, "When I grow up I want to work on computer chips or mathematics equations?"

Obviously, there aren't many, judging by the results of the Third International Mathematics and Science Study, which rates industrialized nations' educational systems in quantitative skills. U.S. 12th-graders performed embarrassingly poor compared to the other 20 countries surveyed. The study also showed a decline in U.S. scores from the fourth to the 12th grade.

Education Secretary Richard Riley fears that low test scores like these will prevent Americans from competing in the global new knowledge economy.

Already, the high-tech companies are scrambling to get foreign workers to fill the jobs that Americans either aren't qualified for or don't want. In fact, the U.S. Senate introduced a bill that will increase the visa cap for skilled foreign workers by 25,000 in the current fiscal year. They are answering high-tech cries for help because last fiscal year the visa cap was reached a month before the year ended.

Furthermore, the Department of Commerce estimates that U.S. high-tech companies are going to create 1.3 million new jobs during the next decade while the number of computer science graduates is expected to decrease.

What does it all mean? It's simple: Americans aren't interested in working with math and computers. You could use the educational system as a scapegoat, but the kids who show an interest in math and computers and can excel in these areas will be put in classes or schools that will help them advance at a faster pace.

The reality is that U.S. high-tech businesses dominate the world and have skyrocketed the U.S. economy, and the lack of U.S. student interest in high tech is scary.

The worst part is that it's too late to change. The youth of today are more concerned with Michael Jordan and Leonardo DiCaprio instead of Bill Gates and ... and he's the only one I know, so I'll leave it at that.

John Meyer is a Spartan Daily senior staff writer.

## LINGERING ISSUE



## Destiny sucks up hair, leaves writer poorer

Ever have one of those experiences that seem surreal and out of your control, like some cosmic hand is rolling the dice and your next move all depends on whether Mr. Cosmos gets a seven or snake eyes?

If it hadn't been for my Jack Russell terrier chewing the cord to my Sears Destiny II upright vacuum cleaner (with hurricane action) into three pieces, I wouldn't have realized that the service contract I bought with it meant taking the damn thing to Timbuktu to be fixed, "in about two weeks," according to the grumpy repair technician with whom I exchanged words over the phone.

If the hair on the carpets from my four dogs hadn't been so thick I could have knit a sweater with it, I wouldn't have asked my son, the alarm technician, to replace the cord "today, please."

If my son, the alarm technician, hadn't been so worried about saving me the money he knew I didn't have, he wouldn't have bought a non-vacuum cleaner cord and a plug, assuring me, "It looks just like the other stuff, only it's 30 bucks cheaper."

If I hadn't ever used my vacuum cleaner again, I'd have never fried the innards to a crisp, sending me back to Sears to buy another vacuum with my ever revolving credit card, having voided the warranty/service contract for the old one when I allowed my son, the alarm technician, to fix the cord.

Ranting and raving all the way to Sears didn't do my blood pressure any good and neither did waiting around for a sales person to help me pick out the same vacuum I already owned.

When the young woman who eventually had time to ask me what I'd like approached me, I pointed to my Destiny and said, "I'll just take one of those, please."

She looked at me in a cockeyed way, probably because I hadn't requested a test drive, but I was in no mood to tell her how stupid I'd already been.

That just would have been compounding the felony.

We went to the register and she entered my information into the computer. The screen told me how many movies and Jujubees I was going to miss over the next 18 months, and then she told me

she'd be right back, she had to run "down there" to see if they still had the machine in stock.

She disappeared around the corner so fast I was left to ponder in miffed silence why she couldn't have just picked up the phone at the desk and called "down there."

About five minutes later she returned, panting but smiling with the news that there was "one left." Oh, joy.

Then she punched a few buttons on the register, printed out my receipt, asked me to "sign right there" and handed me my receipt and my brand new, perfect service contract, for which I'd paid an extra \$24.99.

Then she told me how to retrieve my expensive (but functioning) rug sucker from the store's "brand new merchandise pick-up system."

She warned me that "there are no people down there," but all I had to do was scan the bar code on my receipt into the computer and follow the directions on the screen.

Downstairs I located the large computer terminal with the cute yellow box man whose finger pointed to the place I would scan my receipt.

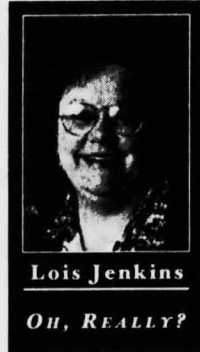
That done, I was asked to touch the screen in several places to answer questions about my order, and then my name popped up on the overhead monitor, which now displayed the words "working on" right next to "Jenkins" and a running time clock. I wondered how "no people down there" could possibly be working on my order.

As I sat there watching the seconds of my life tick by next to my name, I wondered how many other people had touched the screen that day and how many germs I'd just picked up. My fingers began to itch, and I rubbed them up and down the legs of my jeans.

Exactly 12 minutes and six seconds later, the warehouse doors blew open with the force of the stockboy's handtruck smacking into them at 20 mph. There was the instrument of my distress, my debt, my Destiny.

I took it home and vacuumed my carpets and both my son and I tried to pretend it did a better job than the old one.

Maybe Mr. Cosmos would consider playing Candy Land next time.



Lois Jenkins  
OH, REALLY?

Lois Jenkins is the Spartan Daily opinion editor. Her column appears every Monday.

## Get ready, get set, go: parking smart earns college credit

Good news! The administration agrees with my suggestion that academic credit be given to those students who drive to school. They had no argument when I pointed out the real world experience commuters gain when trying to find one of the 4,612 garage parking spaces when there are 11,200 student permits. The course name will be Competition 101. To avoid fraud, they have directed me to write a final exam, which I will implement en masse right now. To get credit you must answer each question correctly. (Hint: The answers are all D)

1) Traffic and Parking Operations issued 6,588 more permits than there are spaces because:

A) Student schedules vary enough to cover it

B) They are mathematically challenged

C) "I'm sorry, is there a problem?"

D) They don't have to park there

2) For the best chance to find a space at 10 a.m. on weekday mornings you should drive to:

A) The Fourth Street Garage

B) The Seventh Street Garage

C) The Tenth Street Garage

D) Baltimore

3) The reason 9,947 parking citations were issued during the last school year is because:

A) Students are careless

B) Parking personnel are doing a fine job

C) 10,000 might draw unwanted attention

D) THERE IS NO DAMN PARKING!!!

4) A good use of your time while waiting for a space to become available in the garage is to:

A) Check your gas gauge

B) Clean out your glove compartment

C) Read last week's Spartan Daily issues

D) Write your master's thesis

5) When you spot a student returning to her car, proper garage etiquette maintains that you:

A) Give her a friendly wave

B) Check to see if someone else saw her first

C) Pretend you are a tiger and she is Bambi

D) Prepare for war

6) Walking circles in the garage to fool drivers into thinking you are returning to your car is:

A) Harmless fun

B) A sign of severe mental retardation

C) A daily commuter's call for help

D) A good way to end up in the hospital

7) The administration's stated reason for not building more student parking is:

A) "Park and Ride's 900 spots are not yet full."

B) "We want to encourage the use of light rail."

C) "We would rather budget for education."

D) "What, and spoil all our fun?"

Congratulations! You've passed. In order to ensure you receive your credit you must never park in the first space on the northeast corner on the second floor of the Fourth Street Garage. I want out of the rat race.

Nicholas Boer is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

## Distance learning augments university education experience

It could be a pathway to a more efficient educational system — or it could be a Pandora's box.

Distance education is upon us at San Jose State University and the implications are both staggering and frightening.

On one hand, it offers a chance for students, who might otherwise be unable to attend a certain class, to complete units helpful toward graduation. The positive side of distance learning has several intriguing aspects.

First, it is an efficient means of taking a class. For students who do not live in the immediate area, it is a way to maximize learning time. No longer would students have to sit in traffic, scour the garages for the elusive parking space and make the return trip

home. Students with families, or who work, can use their time for making a living or spending extra time with their children, something sorely lacking in today's fast-paced world.

The classroom would be as near as their computer and they could then, within the instructors' parameters, dictate when they could "attend" class.

In addition to the benefits of no commute come the environmental pluses of less automobile pollution through fewer cars on our already overburdened freeways.

But there are certain drawbacks that, if not examined carefully, could lead to the social decay of the universi-

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ty system.

Distance education should be an exception rather than a wholesale replacement of academia on campus.

While it would certainly be wonderful to roll out of the sack — with Frosted Flakes in hand, still in our jammies — and log onto class, that is not what the college experience is about. Academia is the pursuit of knowledge, first and foremost, but there are certain intangibles that come along for the ride, human interaction being at the top of the list.

Few of us will get jobs where we sit in our homes at computer terminals. Most of us will be required to trudge off into whatever avenue of corporate

America we choose, where we will encounter others just like ourselves. Without proper assimilation into a world where we must interact with both authorities and peers, our diplomas will be as worthless as the paper they are printed on.

The discussions of the classroom are not just a professor pontificating, but a forum for the exchanging of ideas. The search for knowledge involves, in most circumstances, an interactive discussion. Otherwise we could look in Encyclopedia Britannica and become a Rhodes Scholar.

We think distance learning is not meant to replace the university experience, but enhance it. And as is the case with everything new, we should use it wisely.

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**CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY**  
Daily Mass from 12:05 - 12:30 p.m. at the John XXIII Center, across from the SJSU Theatre. For more information, call Ginny at (408) 938-1610.

### CHICANO COMMENCEMENT

Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Chicano Resource Center. For more information, call Xochitl at (408) 295-4318.

### CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

Free film: "Evolution of a Science" at 7:30 p.m. at 410 Cambridge Ave., Suite C, Palo Alto. For more information, call Joe Feshback at (650) 853-0602.

### PI SIGMA ALPHA (NATIONAL POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY)

General meeting at 12:30 p.m. in Business Tower, Room 450. For more information, call Marina at (408) 924-5570.

### RE-ENTRY ADVISORY PROGRAM

Support group from 12:30 - 1:20 p.m. in the Administration Building, Room 201. For more information, call Lynne at (408) 924-5950.

### SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

Student Galleries' Art Show from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Art Building/Industrial Studies. For more information, call Brendan at (408) 924-4330.

### Tuesday

#### ADVERTISING CLUB

Resume building workshop from 6 - 8 p.m. in Sweeney Hall, Room 444. For more information, call Carissa at (408) 987-3181.

#### AFRICAN STUDENT UNION

General meeting at 8 p.m. in Wahlquist Library North, Room 122 (Africana Research Center). For more information, call Mark at (408) 447-8361.

### CAREER CENTER

Recruiting Services Workshop at 11:30 a.m., and Co-op Workshop at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Council Chambers. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at (408) 924-6034.

### CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Daily Mass from 12:05 - 12:30 p.m., and free Pizza and discussion topic "Saints" from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the John XXIII Center, across from SJSU Theatre. For more information, call Ginny at (408) 938-1610.

### CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

Free film: "Orientation" at 7:30 p.m. at 80 E. Rosemary St. For more information, call Ilene at (408) 441-6661.

### HSUSA

General meeting with Sam Rodrigues of the Career Center speaking about the art of interviewing. Bring your resumes for a professional critique from 1 - 2:15 p.m. in the Health Building, Room 408. For more information, call Kathy at (408) 92-HSUSA.

### LIBRARY DONATIONS & SALES UNIT

Ongoing book sale every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Wahlquist Library North, Room 408 and Clark Library lobby. Donations welcome. For more information, call the Acquisitions Department at (408) 924-2705.

### NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Percent body fat testing with bioelectrical impedance from 12 - 2 p.m. in the Central Classroom Building, Room 103. For more information, call Jill Christensen at (408) 924-3110.

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**Tuesday night lecture series:**  
Bernadette Cotter's "Dear Altar" from 5 - 6 p.m. in the Thompson Gallery in the Art Building. For more information, call Andy at (408) 924-4328.

### Student Galleries' Art

Receptions from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Art Building/Industrial Studies. For more information, call Brendan at (408) 924-4330.

### Thompson Gallery Art

Reception: Bernadette Cotter's "Dear Altar" from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Thompson Gallery in the Art Building. For more information, call Andy at (408) 924-4328.

### SJSU WOMEN'S CLUB RUGBY TEAM

All interested players welcome to practice from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. at Spartan Field. For more information, call Lindsay Robideaux at (408) 268-2749.

### STUDENT CALIFORNIA TEACHER ASSOCIATION

General meeting to organize spring semester activities from 4 - 5:30 p.m. in Sweeney Hall, Room 331. For more information, call Shirley Ayers at (408) 266-3425.

### Wednesday

#### CAREER CENTER

Co-op workshop at 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Costanoan Room. **IBM Day - Employer Presentation** from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Student Union Room. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at (408) 924-6034.

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### CHICANO LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER

Open forum on the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo from 12 - 1:30 p.m. in Wahlquist Library North, Room 307. For more information, call (408) 924-2707 or 924-2815.

### CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

Free film: "The Story of Book 1" at 7:30 p.m. at 410 Cambridge Ave., Suite C, Palo Alto. For more information, call Joe Feshback at (650) 853-0602.

### ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER

Volunteers needed for Earthday '98. Come to Washington Square Hall, Room 115 from 12 - 2 p.m. for informal meeting to begin organizing for event. For more information, call Jean Simmons at (408) 924-5467.

### EPISCOPAL CANTERBURY COMMUNITY

Dinner and discussion: "The Good News" from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the Student Union's Montalvo Room. For more information, call Anna at (408) 293-2401.

### NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

St. Patrick's Day two for one special: percent body fat testing with bioelectrical impedance from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Central Classroom Building, Room 103. For more information, call Jill Christensen at (408) 924-3110.

### SJSU THEATRE DEPARTMENT

Stage production of "I Ain't Yo' Uncle" at 1 p.m. in the University Theatre, Hugh Gillis Hall. For more information, call Mary Gibboney at (408) 924-4551 or the box office at (408) 924-4555.

### SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

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## Crime Watch

**Feb. 25**  
•Report taken for vehicle burglary at South Garage.

•Report taken for stolen wallet at Spartan Bookstore.

**Feb. 26**  
•Report taken for an unknown subject tampering with fire equipment at Business Classrooms Building.

•Report taken for forged parking permit in North Garage.

•Report taken for stolen backpack at Spartan Bookstore.

**Feb. 27**  
•Report taken for noise complaint at a fraternity house.

•Report taken for theft at Music Building.

•Report taken for theft at Industrial Sciences Building.

**Feb. 28**  
•Vandalism report taken for slashed tire on University Police Department vehicle.

•Incident report taken from woman who believed she may have been drugged at a fraternity party she attended.

**March 1**  
•Report taken for theft of a light board from Music Building. Loss estimated at \$1,000.

•Report taken from residence hall for a subject who, because of his drunken state, was not cooperating with the housing staff.

**March 2**  
•Report of stolen bicycle from Wahlquist Library North.

**March 3**  
•Report taken at Spartan Pub where video games were broken into. Loss estimated at \$100.

**March 6**  
•Suspect arrested for being drunk in public at fraternity party.

•Suspect cited for furnishing alcohol to minor at fraternity party.

•Suspect cited for minor in possession of alcohol at fraternity party.

•Suspect cited for displaying another's ID at a fraternity party.

•Suspect arrested for outstanding warrant at Hugh Gillis Hall.

**March 7**  
•Suspect arrested for being drunk in public at Spartan Village.

## Roundup

### Switch for Schwimmer

NEW YORK (AP) — David Schwimmer likes getting outside his TV self.

The actor who plays glib Ross on "Friends" got to be someone "diametrically opposed" in "Kissing a Fool," Schwimmer says in the March 16 People magazine.

He plays an unsavory smoothie who is "arrogant and a womanizer," said Schwimmer, 31. "I can't use profanity, so let's just say he's an animal."

Schwimmer also has roles in the upcoming films "Six Days/Seven Nights" and "Apt Pupil," meaning a lot of overtime for the sitcom star.

"I'm loving it," Schwimmer said of the film work. "It makes working on the show even more enjoyable."

He's also more comfortable now that the mid-1990s "Friends" hysteria has died down.

"It's calmed down a lot," Schwimmer said. "I'm less frightened when I go out."

### Sewell's in the money

NEW YORK (AP) — Filmgoers are going to be seeing a lot of newcomer Rufus Sewell, which worries the British actor who remembers his starving artist days too well.

"The focal point of my life was my lack of money," Sewell says in the March 13 Entertainment Weekly. "Anyone will tell you that the primary thing they remember about me was that I always wanted a bite of their sandwich, or to borrow 20 (pence) or whatever."

Money's no problem any more for the actor starring in "Dark City" and "Dangerous Beauty." Previous credits include the small English films "Carrington," "Cold Comfort Farm" and "A Man of No Importance."

Upcoming, he'll be seen in "Illuminata" with Susan Sarandon and Christopher Walken, "At Sachem Farm" with Minnie Driver and in the Miramax comedy "Martha Meet Frank, Daniel and Laurence."

"I'm very, very scared of saying that things are going well," said Sewell, 30. "Yes, I've got lots of things coming out, but I've been slapped on the back before and told, 'This is going to be the big one, sonny.'"

### 'South Park' like home

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — As weird as "South Park" gets, the dark, animated Comedy Central hit featuring four foul-mouthed third-graders and a town full of weirdos is still just like home for its creators, Trey Parker and Matt Stone.

Set in a fictional mountain town, the TV locale

is a lot like Colorado's South Park area, where Parker grew up. The wacky Rocky Mountain region is renowned for UFO sightings and tales of alien abduction. Stone grew up not far away in Littleton, where the grave of a notorious cannibalistic killer was a popular hangout.

So when a man went berserk in the real South Park-area town of Alma recently, killing an ex-mayor and trashing government buildings with a front-end loader, a sheriff's deputy said it reminded him of the "South Park" show.

"It isn't a comedy. It's a documentary," said Deputy B.J. Macumber, an avid viewer.

When family called to tell them what had happened in Alma, "It was great for us," Parker said at the Aspen Comedy Arts Festival. "We were thinking: 'What are we going to do for another show?'"

Parker, 28, and Stone, 26, have attracted considerable criticism for the show's violence and vulgar language, but haven't suffered for it professionally. They'll star in the upcoming film "Basketball" and have contracted to write a sequel to the movie "Dumb and Dumber," along with making 20 more episodes of "South Park."

### 'Titanic' director wins

LOS ANGELES (AP) — James Cameron, creator of the heavy Oscar-favorite "Titanic," won the Directors Guild of America award for best director.

"Wow," Cameron said in accepting the award Saturday. "This is one of the proudest moments of my life. It's tremendous."

Other nominees were the directors of "L.A. Confidential," "Amistad," "Good Will Hunting,"

and "As Good As It Gets."

"Titanic" is nominated for 14 Academy Awards, tying the record for the most ever. Cameron is up for best director, and the film — poised to become the top-earning movie of all time — is nominated for best picture.

Just four times since 1949 has a DGA winner in the best feature-film category not received the Oscar. The last was Ron Howard in 1995 for "Apollo 13." The Oscars will be presented on March 23.

In the dramatic specials category, John Herzfeld won for the cable movie, "Don King: Only in America." For nighttime dramatic series, "Homicide: Life on the Street" director Barbara Kopple won for her episode, "The Documentary." For comedy series, Andy Ackerman won for the "Seinfeld" episode "The Betrayal."

### Fuentes satisfied on TV

NEW YORK (AP) — Daisy Fuentes isn't waiting for Hollywood to come knocking. The "America's Funniest Home Videos" co-host is happy on TV.

"It's not like I'm a television show host who really wants to be an actress. This is what I like doing," the longtime MTV host and model says in the March 14 TV Guide. "I'm not ambitious. Is it bad to say?"

Fuentes, at 5-foot-10 and 138 pounds, doesn't worry about her weight, either. "I'm never going to be a waif," she said.

"I would love to be thinner, but that would take a lot of work," Fuentes said. "And why bother? It's not like I'm going to get any more work than I'm getting now."

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## Chancellor: Pro-CETI

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The system which Reed left is having similar problems as the California system. The struggle with growing student populations, rising tuition and low teacher salaries are all things that both systems have had to deal with.

According to Reed, the two systems have more similarities than differences.

"The main difference is that the schools in Florida tend to be bigger," Reed said. "Growth seems to be the biggest challenge."

Carl Blackwell, a Florida colleague of Reed's, said that he left on "absolutely" good terms and that he will be missed.

"He expects people to do the job they were hired to do," said Blackwell, vice chancellor for the Board of Regents of Florida. "He had a style about him that we appreciated very much."

The need for both students and faculty to become more computer literate is one major goal, according to Reed.

"The CSU system needs to prepare students for the 21st century," Reed said. "Students need to be technologically literate. It will play a part in everything."

"There needs to be more focus on student learning, not just in the traditional sense of the classroom," he said.

Reed sees the California Education Technology Initiative (CETI) as one way to help bring the CSU system into the future.

CETI is a \$2.8 billion project funded by Microsoft, GTE, Fujitsu and Hughes that would link the 23 CSU campuses together in a single network.

"We cannot enter the 21st century if we don't give students and faculty access to what they need," Reed said. He also said that he sees no dangers in CETI and that the worry that corporations will play a part in curriculum setting is unfounded.

Although growing student populations are another problem facing the CSU system, students should not worry about skyrocketing tuition or tougher admissions standards, according to Reed.

"There will hopefully only be a modest increase (in tuition

over the next five years)," Reed said. He said that students will likely to continue to pay about 25 to 30 percent of their tuition, which the state helps pay for.

"Over the next eight years we would hope to cut down on the number of remedial classes offered," he said. "But in fairness, students often don't have the preparation (in primary education). We have to make it clear what the expectations are in English and math, but I don't see remedial classes being cut out entirely."

One of the controversial issues while Reed was in Florida was merit pay for teachers. Merit pay has been used as an alternative to tenure at Florida Gulf Coast University, the state's newest school. Reed says that it might work in California.

"The pilot program at Florida Gulf Coast has gone well. Hundreds of teachers applied for merit pay," Reed said.

Merit pay is based on a teacher's performance, according to Reed.

Teachers are usually given a five or six year contract and then re-evaluated at the end of that period. Reed claimed that it "recognizes those with outstanding performances."

Tenure is the current system under which teachers are paid and is based on how long a teacher has worked.

Proponents of tenure say that it has gotten a bad and unfair reputation and that it protects teachers from being fired for their beliefs.

"It is false to believe that the administration is powerless to fire an incompetent teacher," said Jo Bell Whitlatch, president of the San Jose State University chapter of the California Faculty Association.

Overseeing the Florida university system that doubled in size and at one point had a \$165 million budget cut were two of the biggest accomplishments, according to Reed.

Reed received his bachelor of science degree in health and physical education from George Washington University in 1963. His master of science degree came one year later in secondary education, which led to a doctorate in teacher education in 1970.



Kendra Ladeau takes "Barbie Girl" T.C. Labby for a ride at the Shamrock Showcase Lip Sync competition. The "Barbie Girl" performance was put on by members of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity at Thursday's event organized by Kappa Delta. The event raised \$3,000 for two children's charities.

Dan Frohlich/Spartan Daily

## Lip sync: Beta Chi boogies away with first

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took part in the contest. Participants performed everything from The Beach Boys to The Village People.

"I'm just glad my parents are not here to see this, otherwise those checks might stop coming," said Matt Cluin of Delta Upsilon fraternity.

"Most of us just threw this together like a week ago, but

we're really just trying to see who can make one another laugh the hardest," said senior Lenard Matthews of Sigma Pi.

While most participants said the event was not competitive, Alpha Tau Omega's Jeremy Rude said, "Everyone says it's not competitive, but deep down inside, they all want to win."

Although all were invited, Alpha Pi was the only sorority

that participated in the contest. The sorority presented a performance of "Free Your Mind" by female group En Vogue.

"We chose 'Free Your Mind' as a way of expressing our diversity and multiculturalism," said Annette Estrada of Alpha Pi.

Judges for the contest consisted of Tari Walker, general manager of Marriott Residence

Inn; Sharon Jennings, general manager of 90.5 FM KSJS; Carol Tolbert, residence hall director and "Strawberry," radio personality from Wild 94.9 FM.

Taking home the first place trophy was Beta Chi fraternity, who performed "Everybody Needs Somebody To Love," by the Blues Brothers. Sigma Pi got second and Delta Upsilon took home third.

## Gas prices keep falling

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gas prices have plummeted so low, they are now at the lowest recorded level in their history, an industry analyst said Sunday.

The average all-grade pump price has dropped nearly 3 cents since Feb. 20, continuing a downward spiral of more than 23 cents since September.

When the figures are adjusted for inflation, it means customers are getting the lowest price ever.

"The decline since September qualifies as a price crash, and the pump price on average is now lower than it's ever been since the beginning of the gasoline market, taking inflation into account," analyst Trilby

Lundberg said.

The Lundberg Survey checks 10,000 gas stations nationwide, and found that the national average for self- and full-service combined was \$1.0924 as of March 6.

Regular self-serve gasoline was selling for less than \$1 at nearly half the stations in the country.

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# SJSU polo splits

By Leah Bower  
Staff Writer

The Spartan women's water polo team upset 13th ranked University of Pacific in its first conference game Friday before falling Saturday to top-ranked University of California at Berkeley.

San Jose State University was ranked 17th of 32 water polo teams in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

"We won because we played four quarters today. We've lost two games in overtime after leading at half-time. Today we played great defense, especially Jennie Charlesworth and Cathy Hernandez," coach Lou Tully said.

SJSU's Laurel Govett opened the scoring in the first quarter with a goal in just under two minutes of play.

The Spartans entered the second quarter tied, but pulled away by the half, scoring two goals to Pacific's one for a 6-5 lead.

Pacific was within one goal of SJSU at the end of the third quarter after two goals for each team with a score of 8-7.

Fourth-quarter action started when Pacific's Molly Smith scored a goal within the first 30 seconds of play, which was quickly answered by SJSU's Govett, to put the Spartans back in the lead 9-8.

A Tiger goal with two minutes remaining set the stage for possible overtime.



Brian Prince/Spartan Daily

San Jose State goaltender, Catherine Hernandez, goes up for the block in a game against 13th ranked University of Pacific on Friday at the Aquatics Center. The Spartans

won the game 11-10. In the second match of the weekend, SJSU was pounded by No. 1 ranked UC Berkeley 11-3. The Spartans dropped 9-5 overall, 1-1 in conference play.

sible overtime.

SJSU goalie Hernandez blocked a shot by Smith that would have tied the game with less than 30 seconds remaining in an intense fourth quarter.

"We played a great game. We have been working hard and we deserve it," said Mary McDonough after the 11-10 victory.

Junior Liz Garcia led the Spartans in scoring with four goals, closely followed by Govett with three.

Caroline Corgiat netted two with Monica Turner and Charlesworth, both scoring once.

Tully said this is the first year the women's water polo team has played in the Mountain Pacific

Sports Federation.

"Last year we played club water polo. This is our first year as a sport with recruited players," Tully said.

The Spartans were crushed Sunday, losing 11-3 to the Golden Bears.

"I thought we played pretty well. I'm positive that we can

play better though. We need to get over the intimidation factor. The mismatch is not as great as it seems," Tully said.

SJSU was held scoreless until the final quarter when Charlesworth, McDonough and Corgiat each scored a goal.

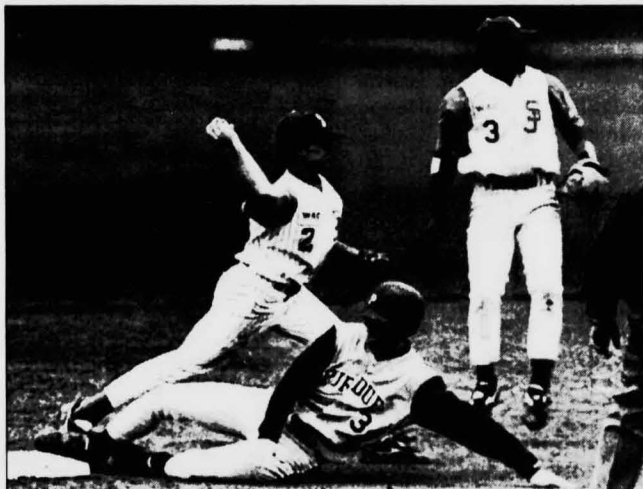
"Yesterday was much better than today. I was very confident

yesterday," Hernandez said.

SJSU dropped to 9-5 overall, and 1-1 in the conference.

The team has a long way to go, according to Tully, but they are improving and playing well.

"We are happy, but not satisfied," Tully said. "I think the whole team is in agreement on that."



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Spartan shortstop Brian Forman turns a double play as Purdue's Austin Bilke slides into second during Saturday's double header against Purdue University. SJSU won both games, 3-1 in the first and 7-3 in the second. The Spartans completed the sweep by downing the Boilermakers 8-7. The wins put SJSU at 15-6 overall.

## Spartans sweep Purdue, prepare for No. 1 Stanford

By Kevin W. Hecteman  
Senior Staff Writer

Neither rain, illness nor Purdue University pitching could keep the Spartan baseball team from its appointed rounds.

San Jose State University broke out its cleaning supplies and swept aside the Boilermakers in a three-game set at San Jose Municipal Stadium, taking both ends of Saturday's doubleheader — 3-1 and 7-3 — and coming from behind to win Sunday 7-6.

In the first game, Spartan hurler Javier Pamus fought both Boilermaker batsmen and sickness over five-plus innings, surrendering six hits, but only one run. He managed only one strikeout, but still notched his eighth win in eight starts.

"I didn't have my stuff today," Pamus said. "All I had was, basically, the will to win."

Ryan McDermott came in and earned the save, allowing no hits

or runs while fanning two.

Tony James led the Spartan hitters with one hit in three trips and two RBIs, including a two-out, two-run triple in the first. Scott Lewis added two hits to extend his hitting streak to 13 games.

"We faced a left-handed pitcher who had a real good change-up," SJSU coach Sam Piraro said of Boilermaker starter Russ Morgan, who went the distance for the loss, giving up three runs and six hits over six innings.

The second game was played in a steady drizzle. SJSU pitcher Steve Carrieri earned his first win of the season, scattering seven hits and three runs over seven and two-thirds innings. He walked three Boilermakers and whiffed five others.

The drizzle became a light rain, which slowly turned the pitcher's mound into a pile of mud. In the bottom of the eighth, the game was called.

"They're two well-earned wins over a team that is favored to be

in the hunt for the championship of the Big Ten," Piraro said as his team spread the tarp on the rain-soaked field.

Purdue coach Steve Green blamed slow starts for his team's downfall.

"I expected a better performance from my team," he said. "Both games, we came out sluggish."

James again drove in two runs to lead the SJSU offense. Lewis's hitting streak reached 14 when he collected three hits and three RBIs.

Brian Forman tied the school record for stolen bases in a game with four thefts.

James said Purdue had tried to establish the fastball early, and the fastball is his best pitch to hit.

"If a pitcher shows his best pitch is the offspeed pitch, then I will have to adjust to that," he said.

The Boilermakers' offense came out with a full head of steam Sunday, putting SJSU in

a 3-0 first-inning hole.

SJSU catcher Mike Wright hit his fourth homer of the season in the seventh to set up the game-winning comeback in the eighth.

"We just had to fight," Wright said.

He didn't get any disagreement from Piraro.

"You have to find a way to win a game like that," Piraro said. "It was an uphill game all day long. Purdue wasn't going to give us anything. We went to every possible resource we had. It's a character ballgame."

A parade of SJSU pitchers took turns on the hill for SJSU, and Jeff Baker picked up his first win of the year.

Brian Greene came in and struck out the side in the top of the ninth for his second save.

"I was just going after them with fastballs," Greene said.

After SJSU plays USF Tuesday, they will take on the No. 1 Stanford at Municipal Stadium, both begin at 7 p.m.

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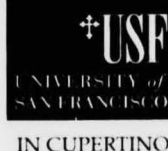
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# SJSU football players leave gridiron, seek paydirt as rappers

By Jeremiah Oshan  
Staff Writer

Carlos Meeks and Jerald Perry decided to turn in their spikes for "mics."

Tuesday they announced they were leaving the Spartan football team, opting instead for a possible music career over the unlikelihood of getting drafted by a professional football team.

Both players started for last year's San Jose State University football team but played limited roles because of injuries. Meeks was a running back and Perry a defensive lineman.

Perry is still recovering from an injury from his first game last season, but that wasn't the sole reason for his leaving.

"I had some personal reasons that ran deeper than music," said Perry, whose stage name is Black S.E.A.Z and plans to graduate in December. "I think it's good for me to get out now, before I end up leaving with a bad taste in my mouth."

The decision to quit the team was one of time for Meeks, a radio, television and film major, who also plans to graduate in December. He said he had to choose between practicing with the team or with the group.

"My love and passion are in music," said Meeks, whose rap group, Cutty and the Committee, has opened for Oakland rapper Too Short and is slated to open for Ice Cube. "Coach (Dave) Baldwin told me to go with my heart."

Baldwin said that he had been aware of their possible departure for some time but gave them a week to make up their minds

once they came to him.

"I don't believe in convincing someone to do something they don't want to do," Baldwin said. "They need desire; I can't talk passion into them."

With the departure of two starters, the rest of team will have to fill the void left by Meeks and Perry. According to Baldwin, the team has the resources.

"Carlos played well, but he didn't play in every game," Baldwin said about Meeks, who missed several games because of "turf toe," a jammed toe. "(James) Hodgins is the starter and other guys like Dante (Scarborough) will have to step up."

Neither player is likely to return to the Spartans.

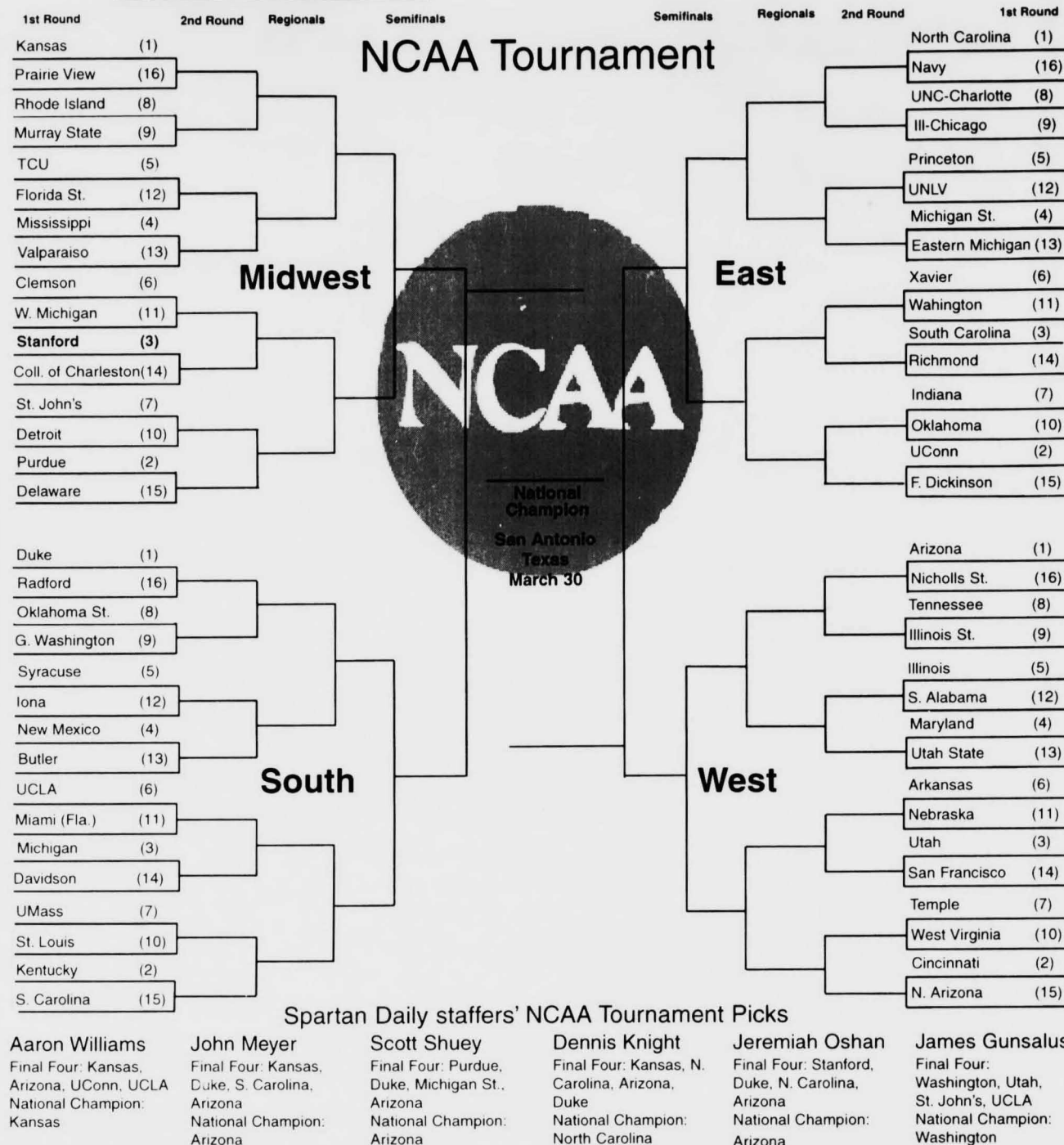
"Both of us made a choice and we'll stick with it," said Meeks, who is known as Los on stage.

Cutty and the Committee is made up of six ex-Spartan football players.

Other members include Willie Harper Jr. (Cutty); R.B. Bonner, who played cornerback; Brian Lundy (Sweat Pea) was an All-American punt returner who played from 1991 to 1995; and Courtney Brown or Koest (pronounced coast) played wide-receiver from 1995 to 1997. According to Meeks, they met while in the dorms and have been together for about two years.

What made the decision easier was the recent signing of a record deal with Fifth Wheel Entertainment. Meeks said that they are the "number one priority" for the new record company.

"We've gotten a real good response at shows," Meeks said. "Lots of promoters have been talking to us."



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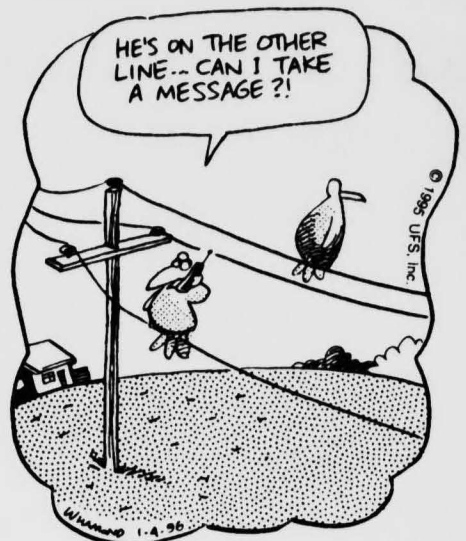
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# X marks the spot

## X-File' fans brave crowds at first expo

By Leah Bower  
Staff Writer

To enter The X-Files 1998 Expo in San Francisco, fans took a walk through the x-files themselves.

Rows of gray file drawers dominated the smoke-filled corridor that "X-Philes" ventured through to reach the expo's main floor.

X-Philes, or Philes, are devoted fans of the television series "The X-Files," starring David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson as FBI agents Fox Mulder and Dana Scully, who pursue case files that defy explanation—the X-Files.

"I think there were a lot of good things to do, but they should have limited the tickets because we are swimming in people here," said Shawna Stever, who sported a T-shirt cut to expose

a two-tone blue tattoo of the glowing "X" logo from the television show on her shoulder.

Stever said she and her husband had come from Canyonville, Ore., to attend the expo because they had been fans of the show for many years.

"We've watched the show since the first season and by the third season, we thought it was cool enough to devote some skin to," said Stever, whose husband sported several X-Files inspired tattoos.

According to Vice President of Communications for 20th Century Fox Steve Feldstein, ticket sales had not been tallied for Saturday's expo.

"We came expecting to spend big bucks here, but not to stand in line two hours to do it," said Carol Czyzewski of Santa Clara, who was waiting in line to look at the merchandise.

The expo was held Saturday and Sunday at Mare Island Naval Base in Vallejo, a site chosen because it holds to the show's theme according to the expo's web page.

"The objective is for attendees to become totally immersed in an X-Files environment. Alternative 'top secret' venues will be used to house the events such as decommissioned military bases or airplane hangars — no hotel ballrooms," according to the official X-Files web site.

Once inside the expo, Philes could browse through props from "The X-Files" series, such as an ice core containing a deadly, and possibly alien, parasite from the episode "Ice" or an alien fetus that Agent Scully had to steal in "The Erlenmeyer Flask."

"The stuff they have is great. They have cool things to do and memorabilia you can't see anywhere else," said Jen Roper of San Francisco.

Roper said that The X-Files Expo was very different from Star Trek conventions.

**“There are more people with spare time here than freaks.**

— Jen Roper, X-Phile

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"There are more people with spare time here than freaks. There are some people wearing trench coats, and one woman looked like she had just dyed her hair red to look like Gillian Anderson, but no one is dressed up like an alien or anything," Roper said.

Fans could also test themselves against other Philes during a virtual reality quiz game.

Fourteen contestants could don a headpiece with attached glasses and earphones. Clips of "The X-Files" would play in the glasses and then questions about the episode would pop up. The contestants who answered the questions the fastest and most accurately were entered in a drawing for an IBM computer.

"I didn't expect to win, although I know a lot about the X-Files. It is my favorite show," said Lily Marshall of Sacramento, who won a round and a chance for a computer.

Philes also were allowed to view a short movie about the making of the X-Files movie, get their picture taken in Agent Mulder's office or listen to the show's stars, minus Duchovny and Anderson, speak and sign autographs.

"The line was incredibly long, but it was fun. They should have more of these booths next time," said Dawn Viney of San Jose, who waited in line for two-and-a-half hours to have her picture taken in Agent Mulder's office.

Vendors sold a variety of "alien" souvenirs such as "X-Files" T-shirts, videos and RK Industries' alien embryo in a test tube, conveniently attached to a key chain.

"The alien floating in the test

tube has been our best seller, but we have sold out of the Alien Incubation Chamber," said Georjean Knight, a co-owner of an independent vendor, RK Industries, who attended San Jose State University in the 1960s.

The incubation chamber is a liquid filled lamp with a floating alien fetus inside.

**Right: Dean Haglund, with the help of Saberian Cosce from Fremont, does a comedy improv act at The X-Files Expo 1998. Haglund is best known to fans of "The X-Files" as Ringo Langly, one of the three Lone Gunmen.**



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Using "green screen" technology, Vu Ha, 23, and Jessica Sutton, 25, pose as they get their photo taken. The photo is digitally altered so that they appear to be inside Agent Fox Mulder's office. The X-Files



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Expo attendees were also able to get souvenir photos of themselves placed in a scene of the upcoming feature film "The X-Files Unrestricted Access."

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